tion of Old Labour Laws in the New Industrial Climate

3586. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that obsolete Labour Laws are still in operation in the country which have been rendered irrelevant after introduction of New Industrial Policy;

(b) whether Government are aware that in the New Industrial Climate the Old Labour Laws are creating hurdles and red-tapism in the proper industrial growth in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government have reviewed the situation and are contemplating necessary steps in the light thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Laws pertaining to labour have been passed from time to time keeping in view the needs of the working class for protection and to ensure their welfare. With changes in the economic environment and technological improvements, labour laws, like other laws, also are subject to change. From time to time, whenever necessary, changes in these laws are also considered and made so as to ensure both the welfare of the workers as also overall industrial development of the country.

Steps to overcome absenteeism in Industry

3587. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high percentage of absenteeism by employees in industrial and other sectors is causing serious drain to national economy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any preventive measures have been worked out by Government for any segment of industries, service sector, if so, the details thereof and, if, no preventive measures have been worked out, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to work out incentive such as additional wage for full presence on working days in a month, and disincentive, like wage deduction for unusual rate of unauthorised absence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

Disposal of cases by labour court

3588. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial disputes pending for disposal before the State Labour Courts and Industrial tribunals in each state during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of Labour courts and Industrial Tribunals functioning in each state during the last three years and state-wise;

(c) whether any State during this period increased substantially the strength of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any concrete steps have been taken to dispose of the long pending cases by these States as per the recommendations of State Labour Ministers Conference, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to review at all India level the general functioning of the Labour courts and Industrial Tribunals in order to dispose of Industrial disputes quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PF dues of workers of Geyday Iron and Steel Limited

3589. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geyday Iron and Steel Limited and Magadh Spun Pipe Limited, P.O. Hirodih, District Hazaribagh, Bihar, have not yet paid back the PF money due to its employees till date;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these companies declared closure ten years ago; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to pay back the PF dues to these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) For this question an assurance has already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2475 for 16-8-1993.

Exploitation of Child Labour in Maharashtra

3590. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of child labour exploitation in the town of Vari in Yawatmal district of Maharashtra is very high and that a child worker was tortured to death here on the 29th of June, 1993; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to put an end to this inhuman practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Verification of Trade Union Membership in Major Ports

3591. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) when the last verification of trade union membership was carried out in various major ports; and

(b) the names of the trade unions with their membership and also the names of the All India Federations of Port and Dock Workers to which they are affiliated port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Verification in ports and dock labour boards is carried out biennially. The last verification of membership of various registered trade unions of ports and dock workers was carried out with 31.12.90 as the date of reckoning. The details regarding names and membership figures of each trade union port-wise and the names of federations to which they are affiliated is enclosed. As statement. (*See* below). The verification of membership of unions in Vishakhapatnam, Kandla and Cochin ports was delayed due to court cases. The verification process in Kandla Dock Labour Board has, however, been stayed by the Court